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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiring with his uncle to distribute crack cocaine in Jackson County, Mo.

Travis "Trey" Jackson, 23, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to 20 years in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 21, 2005, **Jackson** pleaded guilty to all of the criminal charges contained in an April 19, 2005, federal indictment. **Jackson** admitted that he participated in a conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Nov. 1, 2004, and April 7, 2005. **Jackson** also admitted that he aided and abetted his co-defendant and uncle, **Emerson E. Harlin**, 52, of Kansas City, in the possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on April 6, 2005. **Jackson** pleaded guilty to three counts of aiding and abetting **Harlin** to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on three separate occasions between March 29 and 31, 2005.

Jackson maintained a place at 3941 Norton in Kansas City, Mo., for the purpose of manufacturing, distributing and using crack cocaine, Graves said. **Jackson** also allowed **Harlin** to use his residence to store crack cocaine and allowed **Harlin** to distribute crack cocaine from his residence.

According to Graves, a total of more than 300 grams of crack cocaine was distributed, possessed with intent to distribute or seized by law enforcement officers.

On Feb. 8, 2006, **Harlin** pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. **Harlin** admitted that he used **Jackson's** residence to sell crack cocaine on three separate occasions between March 29 and 31, 2005. **Harlin** also admitted that he obtained 224 grams of crack cocaine from **Jackson** and sold 179 grams of crack cocaine in conjunction with **Jackson**.

When **Harlin** was arrested at his place of employment on April 6, 2005, he was carrying 10 clear plastic bags containing crack cocaine.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Amy B. Marcus. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow/index.html